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STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

In a dynamic democracy, the three cornerstones of democratic society—government, the private sector, and civil society—should be equally strong and vibrant. The United States and Indonesia partner to build capacity among civil society organizations (CSOs) and support their sustainability.

Since 1998, Indonesia has made significant progress to promote democratic systems and has improved the delivery of public services and civic participation. The United States is committed to supporting a strong and vibrant civil society in order to safeguard democracy. CSOs represent citizen interests, particularly at the local level, however many would benefit from improved organizational management, technical expertise, accountability, sustainable financing, and financial management.

USAID MADANI

The USAID MADANI Civil Society Support Initiative improves government accountability and promotes community tolerance at the local level in Indonesia. USAID MADANI strengthens local CSOs by improving their organizational capacity, expanding their reach and relevance, and building up sustainable

means of mobilizing financial resources. USAID MADANI facilitates better collaboration between local governments, CSOs, and other partners by promoting the relationships, networks, and systems that make collaborative and engaged governance possible. USAID MADANI works in 32 districts across the provinces of East Java, Central Java, West Java, Banten, South Sulawesi, and West Kalimantan.

RESULTS

After two years, USAID MADANI has achieved the following results:

- Improved organizational capacity of 44 local CSOs in 32 districts that contribute to the development of a vibrant, reputable, and self-reliant sub-national civil society. More than 80 percent of the CSO partners engaged more effectively in policy advocacy campaigns on public service delivery, village accountability, and natural resource management.
- Established 32 multi-stakeholder learning fora engaging a network of 423 CSOs that provided input into local governments' policy discussions and organized community discussions to create local solutions for public service delivery issues.
- Developed 18 policy recommendations on public service delivery, village accountability, natural resource management and tolerance promotion that were adopted by local governments.
- Promoted communal tolerance and diversity at the grassroots level by introducing tools to combat misinformation and hate speech and maintain an appreciation of diversity, including advancing religious tolerance through multi-stakeholder interfaith dialogues.
- Supported CSO partners in securing 32 agreements with local governments, private companies, and philanthropic institutions valued at over \$142,000 to advance local priorities.
- Provided accurate information on the COVID-19 pandemic through social media garnering 926,000 views of 1,892 COVID-19 posts and reaching two million users.

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